

September 9, 2025 Minutes  
Transportation Policy Committee of the Regional Planning Commission  
For

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa Parishes

**Date:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025

**Time:** 12:30 pm

**Place:** Regional Transportation Management Center  
10 Veterans Boulevard - First Floor Conference Room  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish- Present

Parish President Robby Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present

Parish President Louis Pomes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** Merritt Landry- Present

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Parish President Mike Cooper, 5<sup>th</sup> Chairman- St Tammany Parish- Present

Parish President Matt Jewell, Secretary- St. Charles Parish- Present

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish- Absent

**Jefferson Parish:**

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker **Designee:** Brian Grenrood- Present

Mayor Tim Baudier- Present

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

**Orleans Parish:**

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell- Absent

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

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Council Chair Tyronne Edwards- Absent

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Robert Hopkins- Present

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Susan Klees- Present

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Secretary Glenn Ledet **Designee:** Scott Boyle- Present

**TPC Members:**

Mayor Bill Borchert (Slidell)- Present  
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent  
Kevin Doliolle (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo Nodal- Present  
Beth Ann Branch (Port) **Designee:** Chris Gilmore- Present  
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present  
Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present  
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present  
Mario Bazile (Jefferson Parish Transit)- Present  
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present  
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent  
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 32

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Joan Rupp et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the August 12, 2025 minutes
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
RPC Traffic Counting Program Update 2025-2026  
Transportation System Surveillance  
Regional Planning Commission  
RPC Task: A-1.26TC; FY-26 UPWP
8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
RPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan  
Update 2027-2056 Outreach Assistance  
RPC Task No A-4.26OA; FY-26 UPWP
9. Presentation: St. Tammany Bike & Pedestrian Comprehensive Plan Update  
Kathryn Zeringue, RPC Senior Transportation Planner
10. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

**1. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

**2. Consideration: Approval of the August 12, 2025 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the August 12, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Mayor Bill Borchert and seconded by Carlton Dufrechou.

There being no objections, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 3 of the meeting packet for the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember Ryan Randall and seconded by Matt Rufo. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville/Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Mandeville/Covington TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

**5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Slidell TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

**6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Element**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 4 of the meeting packet for the South Tangipahoa TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the South Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Wesley Daniels and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
RPC Traffic Counting Program Update 2025-2026  
Transportation System Surveillance  
Regional Planning Commission  
RPC Task: A-1.26TC; FY-26 UPWP**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: RPC Traffic Counting Program Update 2025-2026 Transportation System Surveillance Regional Planning Commission RPC Task: A-1.26TC; FY-26 UPWP. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to support the Regional Planning Commission in updating its traffic count database. The consultant will collect traffic volume and vehicle classification data at 120 locations within Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Tammany, and/or Tangipahoa Parishes.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: RPC Traffic Counting Program Update 2025-2026 Transportation System Surveillance Regional Planning Commission RPC Task: A-1.26TC; FY-26 UPWP with National Data and Surveying Services, Inc. It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston and seconded by Brian Grenrod. There being no questions, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**8. Consideration:      Consultant Selection:  
RPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan  
Update 2027-2056 Outreach Assistance  
RPC Task No A-4.26OA; FY-26 UPWP**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: RPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update 2027-2056 Outreach Assistance RPC Task No A-4.26OA; FY-26 UPWP. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to assist RPC staff in public outreach efforts that seek input into the MTP Update.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: RPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update 2027-2056 Outreach Assistance RPC Task No A-4.26OA; FY-26 UPWP with Alliance Transportation Group, LLC. It was so moved by Ray Gregson and seconded by Robert Hopkins. There being no questions, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**9. Presentation:      St. Tammany Bike & Pedestrian Comprehensive Plan Update  
Kathryn Zeringue, RPC Senior Transportation Planner**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Ms. Kathryn Zeringue, RPC Senior Transportation Planner and Project Manager for the study: St. Tammany Bike & Pedestrian Comprehensive Plan to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Kathryn Zeringue at [kzeringue@norpc.org](mailto:kzeringue@norpc.org)

After the presentation, Mayor Pete Panepinto applauded the beauty and safety of the Tammany Trace.

Parish President Cooper thanked N-Y & Associates, St. Tammany Parish, and RPC for their participation on this study.

**10. Consideration:      Other Matters**

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Jeff Roesel announced that flyers for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update were available outside the conference room. He also reported that RPC had an FTA Triennial Review and there were no deficiencies or findings and he thanked staff for their outstanding work.

There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairwoman proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission meeting.

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RPC Agenda

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3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
  - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
  - (b) Other Committee Reports
4. Consideration: Financial Report:
  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report
5. Update: Agency Branding & Communications Project  
Malissa Dietsch-Givhan, RPC Public Outreach Coordinator
6. Consideration: Travel Request
7. Consideration: Contract Extensions
8. Consideration: Consultant Billings
9. Consideration: Other Matters

**1. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

Mr. Roesel asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

**2. Consideration: Approval of the August 12, 2025 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the August 12, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Allen Hero and seconded by John Wellborn.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**3. Consideration: Committee Reports:  
(a) Budget and Personnel Committee  
(b) Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports and we could proceed to the next item.

**4. Consideration: Financial Report  
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities  
(b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending August 31, 2025. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,269,283.99.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf and seconded by Christopher Abadie. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending August 31, 2025. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

**5. Update: Agency Branding & Communications Project**  
**Malissa Dietsch-Givhan, RPC Public Outreach Coordinator**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Ms. Malissa Dietsch-Givhan, RPC Public Outreach Coordinator and Project Manager on the project: Agency Branding and Communications Project. The branding/messaging project is moving forward and seeking assistance from the commissioners, the Technical Advisory Group, and Stakeholders. As a part of the agency the commission is being asked to give input on how they view the agency, the work of the agency, and the impact of that work within the region. Within the next 2 weeks commissioners will receive a survey as a means of collecting input on the prior. This will be used in conjunction with staff interviews and survey in developing the brand and narrative for the agency as a whole. For more information, contact Malissa Dietsch-Givhan at [mgivhan@norpc.org](mailto:mgivhan@norpc.org)

**6. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the Travel Requests for one staff member to attend the Governmental Finance Officers Association Fall Conference October 8-10, 2025 in Baton Rouge, LA and one staff member to attend the National Association of Development Organizations Annual Conference October 13-17, 2025 in Salt Lake City, UT.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Susan Klees and seconded by Ross Liner. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**7. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no contract extensions and we could proceed to the next item.

**8. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on pages 10-16 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Shannta Carter and seconded by Merritt Landry. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**9. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel announced RPC assisted with several Delta Regional Authority applications this cycle and has been notified of two awards so far. One is for construction of a wastewater treatment facility in Westwego, the other is for drainage improvements along St. Claude Avenue in Arabi. For more information, contact RPC Economic Development Manager Adam Tatar at [atatar@norpc.org](mailto:atatar@norpc.org)

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewell and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.